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A portage from the past

Two pipers led a parade of voyageurs, eight of them carrying a 24-foot freight canoe, up Main Street as the David Thompson Bicentennial Brigade arrived in town. A huge crowd welcomed the Brigade both at their landing site near the Elk Point Bridge and later at the A. G. Ross Arena, where the Town of Elk Point and the County of St. Paul hosted a banquet and evening of entertainment in their honour.

Brigade brings history to life

By VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

The sight of 14 huge canoes, flags fluttering in the wind, sweeping down the spring meltwaters of the North Saskatchewan, would have been a common sight 200 years ago, when the fur trade was in full swing. On the May long weekend, for the sizeable crowd gathered at Elk Point's riverside campground, it was a scene straight out of a history book.

As the canoes drew closer, the David Thompson Bicentennial Brigade route chairman Mark Lund told the

viewers that the brigade left Rocky Mountain House a week earlier with a thick blanket of snow covering the riverbanks, and had now covered 570 km of their commemorative trek. "We have 3,300 km to go, and two long portages."

The brigade is made up of "mostly recreational paddlers," Lund said. "Four or five of them came through here in 1967 with the Centennial canoe pageant. We started with 17 canoes, and we have 10 registered for the whole trip. One more is starting here, and others are joining us in Saskatchewan."

Lund said the canoes' crews range from seven or eight

members to 15 to 20, who switch off from time to time along the way.

"They aren't as tough as those original voyageurs. Our longest day, we covered 94 km, today only about 60."

Black powder rifle shots from the canoes signaled their approach, and an answering shot from shore boomed out a welcome. Lund introduced each canoe as the Brigade swept past the viewing area with bagpipes playing, passed under the bridge and pulled into shore near the Town of Elk Point's water intake.

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Another rewarding year for Elk Point Community Choir

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

"We have come to the end of another rewarding year," said Don Conrad as he welcomed an appreciative audience to the Elk Point and District Community Choir Spring Concert on Friday, May 16. The choir dedicated the concert to Gladys Haag and Jill Hartley, current and past choir members who passed away recently, and Conrad

said, "we sing in memory of them, in our hearts and in our voices."

The concert began on an up-tempo note with "Just Let Me Sing!" and slowed their pace to the smooth melody of "Home." The choir sang of "the merry month of May" in the bitter-sweet folk song, "Barbara Allen," followed by the encouraging words of "The Storm is Passing Over." They ended their first set

with a salute to Canada in "Something to Sing About."

Harmony, a group made up of Shirley and Sarah Osinchuk, Kerry Anderson and Cheryl Kurash, offered two numbers, "The Way of the Cross Led Me Home" and "Arise My Love," the words of the latter dating back to the biblical Song of Solomon.

Erin Mueller played and sang two original numbers, a sad lament entitled

"Broken" and a happy song about "Pancakes," which she dedicated to her dad, choir director Udo Mueller.

Choir vice-president Barb Buryn made a special presentation before the choir returned to the stage.

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Sharon Smith of the Allied Arts Society accepts a \$20,000 cheque from Choir vice-president Barb Buryn.



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Another rewarding year for Community Choir

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"We have been very active in the Allied Arts, and we want to assist in helping their dream of a cultural centre come true. We hope it will be done in time for the dinner theatre, and maybe even for the Christmas concert. We're looking forward to it." She called forward Sharon Smith of the Allied Arts Society and presented a \$20,000 donation from the choir, to be earmarked for the stage in the new centre.

The choir started their set with a cheerful song about "When I Came to This Land," telling of a settler's problems with his shack, his cow, his duck, and his wife, all overcome by his joy in having a son.

Dixie Coleman was the

soloist in the mellow number, "Think On Me," while Linda Peters took over the piano keyboard from Deanna Easthope for the contemporary song, "It's Your Love."

Kerry Anderson's solo highlighted the a cappella spiritual, "Row Together to the Kingdom," and the evening wound up with another salute to our country in "I Love You Canada."

Before the choir offered their benediction, "Go in Peace and Love," Director Mueller offered his comments on the culmination of another year.

"Spring is both a time of renewal and optimism, and a time of remembrance."

He looked back at the



Udo Mueller directs the choir and Kerry Anderson adds a solo to the spiritual, "Row Together to the Kingdom"

"unqualified success" of this year's dinner theatre, and recognized the efforts of all those who keep the

choir focused, on track and in tune throughout the year.

The choir is made up of altos Amanda Barstad, Gabe Bayduza, Olga Godziuk, Velma Hudson, Pat Johnson, Cindy Kachmar, Irene Krochmal, Cheryl Kurash, Pat Lotsberg, Shirley Osinchuk, Linda Peters and Ellen Seward, sopranos Kerry Anderson, Barb Bury, Dixie

Coleman, Elna Eidsvik, Lillian Ewasiuk, Mabel Gottenbos, Louise Kurash, Frances Moneta, Millie Orr, Ruth Pugh, Marj Salzman, Robyn Sieben, Val Smith, Erika Spoeth, Lena Step, Lovette Strynacka, Lucille Townsend and Betty Trynchuk. The bass section includes George Arychuk, Shelby Mueller, Shilo Salzman, George Sanders,

Shaun Sheplaw, John Sieben and Wally Zukiwsky, while the tenors include Don Conrad, Blaine Easthope, Clem Johnson, Alan Kostyniuk, Harry Peters, Lawrence Pidluzny, Dave Pilisko, Garry Townsend and Ernie Trynchuk.

Pianist Deanna Easthope is assisted by page turners Kirsten and Ashlee Bury.



It's Harmony by name, harmony in their music as Kerry Anderson, Shirley and Sarah Osinchuk and Cheryl Kurash sing their song of praise.



A solo by Dixie Coleman (front) was featured in the mellow number, "Think of Me."

Vicki Brooker photos

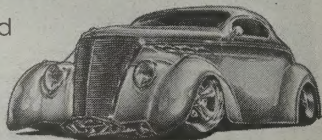
Elk Point SHOW & SHINE & FAMILY FUN DAY Saturday, May 31

Sponsored by the Elk Point Auto Club, the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Elk Point

Features of the Day

1. Antique and Modern Cars, Trucks, Tractors & Motorcycles

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2. Live Entertainment (Jamboree)

Noon to 4 p.m. (Credit Union Parking Lot)

3. Baby Cruiser Race

Bring your baby, watch him/her crawl to mom and win the 1st prize, a \$250 "Pamper Pass". Maximum of 16 contestants. To enter please phone Sharon Smith at 645-9774. Race starts at 1 p.m.

4. Baby Buggy Challenge

A test of "mommy" skills with a 1st prize of a \$250 "Pamper Pass". Maximum of 16 contestants. To enter, please phone Mel Poulin at Footprints, 724-3136. Race starts at 2 p.m.

5. Check Out Our Working Artists Tent

6. Car Show Additional Prize Draws

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All proceeds from draws go to Elk Point Health Centre.

For more information, call Sandy Smith at 724-2966.

THE TOWN OF ELK POINT Notices & Information



DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

PERMIT #	LOCATION	CIVIC	DEVELOPER	DEVELOPMENT	DECISION
08-04	Lot 17, Block 38 Plan 062 3707	5802- Centennial Drive	David & Gillian Cousins	Garage	May 17, 2008
08-05	Lot 1A, Block 27 Plan 752 1315	5206-52 Avenue	Wanda & Murray Cochrane	Garage	May 20, 2008
08-06	Lot 5, Block 21 Plan 2130 HW	4918-52 Avenue	Harold & Monica Classen	New Residence	May 21, 2008

Any person claiming to be affected by the decision made by the Development Officer may appeal by writing a NOTICE OF APPEAL to the Secretary of the Development Appeal Board, Box 448, Elk Point, Alberta within 14 days from the first publication of this notice giving reasons for the appeal. Such appeal shall be accompanied by a certified cheque or money order in the amount of one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars.

Dated this 22nd day of May A.D., 2008

Myron J. Goyan, Development Officer

Eco centre into design stage

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce met with eco centre project manager David McRae at last Wednesday's meeting, to clarify the next steps toward making the project a reality.

"We're looking to move into the design stage now," McRae said. He will be approaching three engineering firms and an eco consultant, and said he will make it clear to the firms that the chamber wants to use local materials and contractors whenever possible.

"I would anticipate that in 45 days we will know which firm we're going with, and in 60 days we can ratify the plans. Then it will be another 30 to 45 days to get the tenders in.

"We have the site, the town is committed to putting in services - we're pretty much set to go."

The chamber will meet this week to stake out the exact site for the facility.

The current tourist information centre is ready to open, but is experiencing staffing problems, since the federal grant was not approved because program funds ran out. The

chamber is now hoping to find seniors or students willing to run the TIC on weekends during June and for two days per week in July and August. The STEP grant will be used for a full-time position from June 27 to Aug. 17. but to date, no applicants have come forward. It was noted that the grant no longer can only be used to hire students, and that adults and seniors are also eligible for the position.

President Sandy Smith gave the chamber a rundown on the events to be held May 31 in conjunction with the Auto Club Show and Shine.

The emphasis is on young families for two events slated for the area in front of the post office, the Baby Cruiser Race, where babies crawl to their parent and the prize is a gift certificate for disposable diapers, while the Baby Buggy Challenge, which Smith says "will test your Mommy skills," has an identical prize. Artists at work on sketching, pottery and more will be located in a tent just off Main Street, and there will be live jamboree-style entertainment all afternoon in the credit union parking lot.

A number of vendors have signed up for the community-wide garage sale on the same day, and Smith says she feels "all is going well" with Saturday's planned events.

Idol competition a new addition to Canada Day lineup

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Twenty entrants between the ages of 10 and 30 will vie for the title of Canada Day Idol on Tuesday, July 1 at Elk Point's newest addition to the Canada Day lineup.

The event fills the time slot between the conclusion of the Farm Survival Race and the fireworks that evening, and will offer great entertainment by talented young Canadians.

Dee Pankiw, who has organized numerous Talent Explosion competitions here in the past, is excited about her plans for the new event and has brought together four area businesses to sponsor the prize package, a demo portfolio which will include recording studio time, professional photos, CDs complete with label and shrink-wrapped jewel cases, and letterhead, business cards and presentation folders for the winner, in addition to a cash prize. Second and third place singers will also receive cash prizes.

The contest is open to non-professional, amateur individual singers or vocal groups of not more than three members. Live or recorded accompaniment will be permitted, with a maximum of three accompanists.

Contestants will be judged 75 per cent on voice and 25 per cent on presentation.

Only the first 20 to pay the entry fee and submit the completed entry form on or before June 25 will be accepted, with all entry fees going toward the cash prizes. Entry forms are available at the FCSS office or the Elk Point Review.

Overall, planning for Canada Day is coming along very well, and donations so far have reached about three-quarters of the \$5,000 goal.

With the pancake breakfast and parade already confirmed, the Canada Day Committee was pleased to

hear at last week's meeting that both the Christian Community Church and Skating Club will be providing food concessions during the stage show on July 1. They also heaved a huge sigh of relief when Laverne Wilson volunteered the services of himself and Lorne Young for the hour of children's activities during the stage show, and said, "we'll make it go." Committee chair Bernice Capjack agreed to assist.

The sound system for the afternoon stage show has been confirmed, and the entertainment lineup is growing.

The strong man competition is "definitely a go," according to Sharon Smith, who said the format will be similar to last year, with the possible addition of a new test of strength.

Donna Chamberland reported that approximately 10 paintings by the late Ralph Kryvenchuk will be

among the art on display at the art show, which this year will be located in lower level of the Elks Hall with an afternoon time slot. The Elks will again be hosting their supper upstairs.

A new twist or two is also to be expected in the Farm Survival Race, which will be moved up to a 6:30 p.m. start to allow more time for the Canada Day Idol to be completed before the evening ends with a glorious fireworks display.

Proclamation

Brain Injury Awareness Week

Traumatic brain injury is serious and preventable. Every year in Canada over 11,000 people die as a result of a traumatic brain injury. Currently, an estimated 6,000 Canadians become permanently disabled after a traumatic brain injury.

WHEREAS: traumatic brain injury permanently alters the lives of those injured and their families and results in enormous financial and emotional burdens;

AND WHEREAS: babies under one year of age, young adults and the elderly are more at risk for traumatic brain injury;

AND WHEREAS: falls are the primary cause of traumatic brain injury in Alberta (38.5 per cent), followed by motor vehicle trauma (25.4 per cent);

AND WHEREAS: during the week of June 1 to 7, agencies throughout Elk Point focus on raising awareness of brain safety and understanding of brain injury;

THEREFORE I, Mayor Parrish Tung, do hereby proclaim June 1 to 7, 2008

Brain Injury Awareness Week
in Elk Point.

Dated this 12 day of May, 2008.

New This Year!

at F.G. Miller Jr./Sr. High School SPRING REGISTRATION

On June 2 and 3 from 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm - F.G. Miller School will be registering currently enrolled students for the 2008/2009 school year. Our intention is to provide parents with the opportunity to register their children early to avoid the August registration line-ups.

During these evenings you will be able to fully register your children for the fall school year. All the necessary paper work will be done, student options will be picked and you will be able to pay your child's school fees immediately or with a postdated cheque.

Why register during Spring Registration? Avoid coming to August registration, thereby avoiding the rush * Spread out costs by paying for the school fees now and only supplies in the fall * Guarantee your options? Some options have class size caps and may fill up quickly.

Who can register during the Spring Registration? Students currently registered at F.G. Miller High or any Grade 6 student currently registered at Elk Point Elementary or J.F. Dion Schools.

IMPORTANT: Bring your child / children with you so they can pick their options or make sure you know what options they want before coming to registration.

Hope to see you on June 2nd or 3rd.

Mr. Bjorkman, Principal

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5102 - 54 STREET 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

5306 - 49 AVENUE
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4 P.M. TO 8 P.M.
FRI. MAY 30 10 A.M. TO 8 P.M.
SAT. MAY 31 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

5205 - 54A STREET
THURS., FRI., SAT. 10 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

5329 - 48 AVENUE 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

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9 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

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EDITORIAL

Another great success

One of the guests of honour at the David Thompson Bicentennial Brigade celebration, no less than the descendant of the great explorer himself, told this reporter, "You people sure know how to put a party on!"

We do. We'll admit it. We're getting very good at it because we have practiced so many times, with all those years of Canada Day celebrations that just keep getting bigger and better, on top of the never-to-be-forgotten Bicentennial year for Fort George and Buckingham House, the Alberta Centennial just a few years ago, and our own Elk Point Centennial last year, as well as all the little celebrations during the year, such as the Fur Trade Rendezvous, the chamber's Christmas Extravaganza, and this coming weekend's auto club show and shine.

In the process of carrying out all the necessary planning for these events, we have found that it gets easier every time. Donors get used to committee members seeking donations, crews know exactly how many supplies they will need and how many volunteers they will need to get the job done.

Practice makes perfect, and we're getting close. Thanks, everyone, for pitching in and making things happen.

WAY BACK WHEN...

Classes, cows, contribution

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND THE ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 27 IN...

1988

"The past is ours to remember, the future is ours to discover" was the theme for the 43-member F. G. Miller Class of 1988, who were introduced by class biographers Christine Wozniak and Darwin Roscoe before Ken Hanson gave the valedictory address. Elk Point Historical Society unveiled their plans for a proposed historical park west of the Elk Point Public Library, which would house the 100-foot historical mural.

1993

F. G. Miller's Class of '93 looked back in love and forward in anticipation at their graduation ceremonies, where Suzanne Rae was valedictorian and Brad Poitras and Tanya Kenyon gave the class history. Longtime Elk Point Historical Society member Frank Mayner received the Lescarbot Award of Honour from the Government of Canada for his outstanding contributions to community cultural activities.

1998

A vision of ideal conditions for Elk Point in the year 2000 and beyond was the focus of a well-attended community prayer breakfast, hosted by the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce. Former classmates Claudia Naber and Andrew McGregor returned to MC the graduation ceremonies for the FGM Class of 1998, with historians Stacey Kozicki and Carrie Baumgardner introducing the 38 graduands and James Babenek paying special tribute to former classmate Bruce Smith, who died in a farm accident in 1995.

2003

Local 4-H shows would go ahead as scheduled, despite the recent discovery of Mad Cow disease in northeast Alberta, with district president Allan Preston confident that regular buyers would come out and support 4-H as usual. Chamber of commerce president Glenn Harms was not fazed by small attendance at a recent meeting, and said he was "very proud of our attendance. There are much bigger chambers than ours who don't get this many people out. We have to be the leaders."

SO, LOOKING AT
OUR BUDGET, AND THE
PRICE OF OIL AND GAS...

...WE CAN EITHER TRAVEL
THIS SUMMER, OR HEAT
THE HOUSE THIS WINTER.



GUEST COLUMN

An old story

There is an old story ... which told of the experience of a great artist who was engaged to paint a mural for the cathedral in a Sicilian town. The subject was the life of Christ. For many years the artist labored diligently, and finally the painting was finished except for the two most important figures, the Christ child and Judas Iscariot. He searched far and wide for models for those two figures.

One day while walking in an old part of the city he came upon some children playing in the street. Among them was a twelve-year-old boy whose face stirred the painter's heart. It was the face of an angel - a very dirty one, perhaps, but the face he needed. The artist took the child home with him, and day after day the boy sat patiently until the face of the Christ Child was finished.

But the painter failed to find a model for Judas. For years, haunted by the fear that his masterpiece would remain unfinished, he continued his search. One afternoon, in a tavern, the painter saw a gaunt and tattered figure stagger across the threshold and fall to the floor, begging for a glass of wine. The painter lifted him up and looked into a face that startled him. It seemed to bear the marks of every sin of mankind. "Come with me," the painter said, "I will give you wine, food, and clothing." Here at last was his model for Judas. For many days and parts of many nights the painter worked feverishly to complete his masterpiece.

As the work went on, a change came over the model. A

strange tension replaced the stuporous languor, and his bloodshot eyes were fixed with horror on the painted likeness of himself. One day, perceiving his subject's agitation, the painter paused in his work, saying, "My son, I'd like to help you. What troubles you so?" The model sobbed and buried his face in his hands. After a long moment he lifted pleading eyes to the old painter's face. "Do you not then remember me? Years ago I was your model for the Christ Child!"

This story may be fact of fiction, but the lesson it teaches is true to life. The dissipated man made a wrong choice in his youth. Or was the choice really what made the difference? Actually, what happened can only be answered by that individual him or herself. However, what happens to experiences of our youth is so very important. For example, now that spring is here, baseball and soccer season have started. It takes many volunteers to coach and work with the youth in order to help them have a positive experience in these sports. Sports not only teach skills and teamwork, they help youth to feel a sense of satisfaction and acceptance of themselves. It does make a difference in the old person they will become. So a big thank you needs to go out to everyone involved with our youth. Thank you coaches, parents and teachers.

Speaking of growing old, David B. Haight is quoted as saying: "Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People grow old by deserting their ideals, their faith. There is always the love of wonder, a childlike appetite for what is next, and the joy of your life. You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear or despair. In the center of our heart is a recording chamber, and so long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, courage, and faith, so long are we young." So what happened to the person in the "Old Story" didn't have to happen. What happened in his heart made the difference.



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EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

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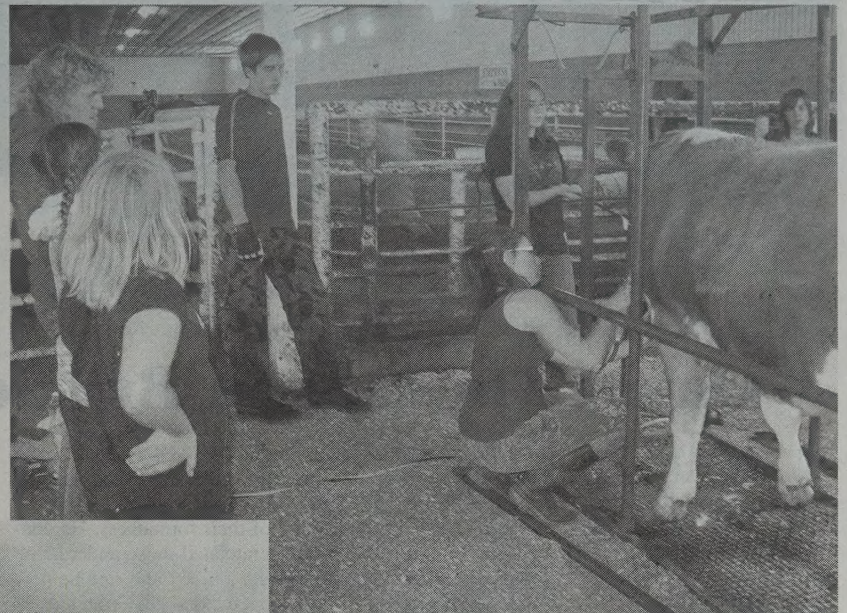
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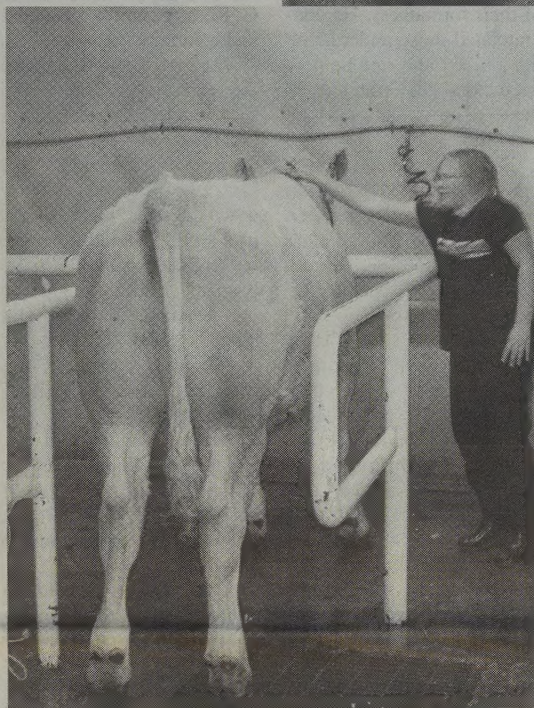
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Learning to do by doing

Elk Point 4-H Multi Club steer project members prepared for their May 30 Achievement Day with a washing, clipping and grooming demonstration on May 19. Above, members get some tips on grooming, while at top right, they learn the fine points of clipping an animal. At left, Ashley Bristow gives her steer a shampoo, and below, finishes up by blow-drying his snowy coat.



The 4-H Achievement Day takes place at the C. G. Baker Arena, starting at 4 p.m. on Friday, May 30 and will also include the Horsemanship, Crafts and Photography projects in addition to the steer show.



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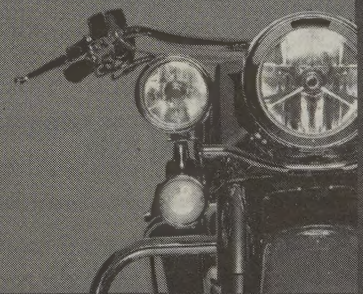
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Sections:
8.3 COUNTRY RESIDENTIAL ONE (CR1) DISTRICT and
8.4 COUNTRY RESIDENTIAL TWO (CR2) DISTRICT

Amend Section 5(b) to read as follows:

(5) Recreational Vehicles

(b) An Annual development permit shall be required for the placement of a second recreational vehicle on a lot if that recreational vehicle is mobile and is on site for more than seven (7) days. No more than 2 Recreational Vehicles will be permitted on a Residential Zoned Lot. Issuance of an annual development permit shall be considered entirely discretionary. Enforcement and/or investigation of this bylaw will be generated by public complaint.

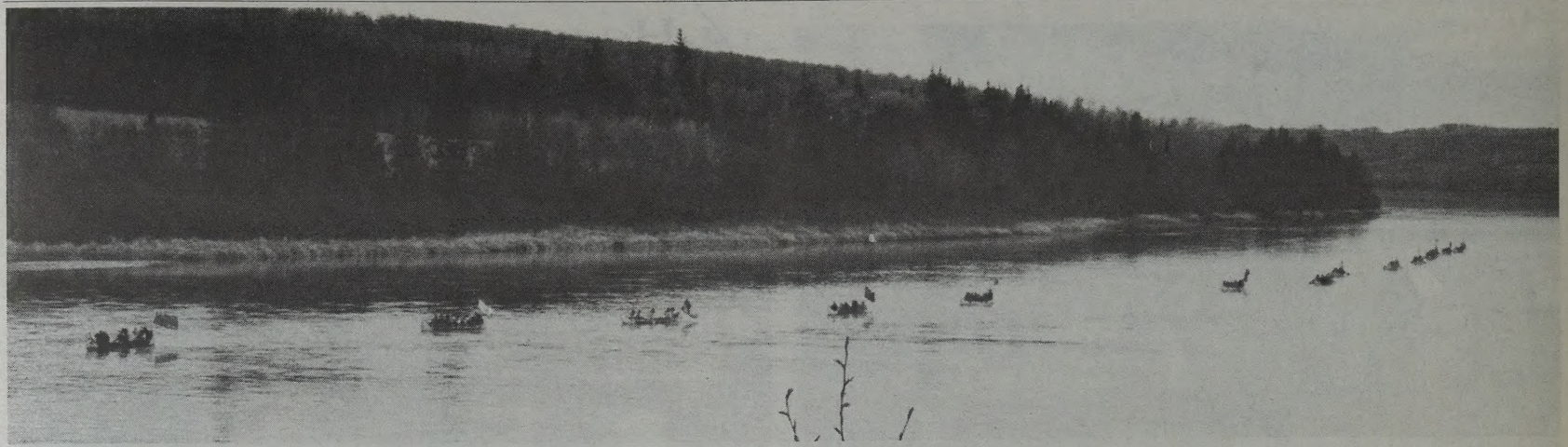
Add the following section

(f) Any recreational vehicle use on a lot shall not occur on a commercial basis (ex. Where a fee is collected for using the lot for recreational vehicle purposes).

A **Public Hearing** will be held on **Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.** or as soon thereafter as can possibly be arranged, at the County Office in St. Paul.

For further information, contact the County Office at 645-3301, ext. 213.

Glenn Zayac, Development Authority
County of St. Paul No. 19
5015-49 Avenue, St. Paul, AB., T0A 3A4



David Thompson Brigade brings history to life

(Continued from Front Page)

Moments later, a piper led the procession of modern-day voyageurs up the trail under the bridge to the viewing area, as spectators cheered enthusiastically.

A group of Grade 5 students opened the welcome ceremony with O Canada before celebration chairman Bernice Capjack took her place at the microphone on a handsome new viewing platform completed just hours before the Brigade's arrival. The platform was a joint project of the County of St. Paul and the Town of Elk Point, and "the boys worked feverishly to get it completed. We're going to have benches all around it, and we will be installing plaques honouring our history with the river, one of them for the David Thompson Brigade. The

North Saskatchewan has so much history. We want to bring that history back."

Capjack said she was pleased to see the 160 voyageurs stopping here, and noted that David Thompson spent two winters at the twin forts, Fort George and Buckingham House, just a few miles downstream.

Mayor Parrish Tung thanked the planning committee for "working so hard" to plan the event, and the Brigade "for making Elk Point part of your journey."

"We consider our community a paradise," County deputy Reeve Glen Ockerman told the voyageurs, "and there's still history being made here."

Fishing Lake Métis Settlement councillor Ross Daniels spoke on the "many ties" between the fur trade

and the Métis people, who are able to "recognize the determination and strength" of their forefathers. He congratulated those undertaking the journey and said he now understood "the emotions of those who welcomed the long-ago brigade."

Daniels presented Mayor Tung with a Métis sash, symbolic of the ties between Elk Point and Fishing Lake.

The Grade 5 singers returned with a special song for the voyageurs.

"I know this will be a journey you will remember the rest of your lives," Minister of Municipal Affairs Ray Danyluk told the Brigade. "Our history is so, so important, so we can remember who we are."

Voyageurs and viewers climbed onto buses to be transported to Elk Point, where the Brigade assembled for a ceremonial three-block portage up Main Street, with eight voyageurs carrying one of the canoes at

the head of the procession.

Later that evening, a capacity crowd filled the A. G. Ross Arena for a banquet and entertainment.

Mayor Tung welcomed the visitors and noted the event was sponsored by both the town and county. "We are one big community." He said the canoes coming down the river "were a beautiful sight. Without the river, our community would have been much different. It was the fur trade highway, and the fur trade played a pivotal role in our history. It is a great honour to be part of your journey."

MLA Danyluk told the voyageurs, "thank you for bringing this knowledge of history to Elk Point. It was important in the past, and it is important now."

Coun. Ockerman told the visitors that the county "started out as agricultural and forestry. Then came the oil and gas. Now we're very much into tourism, and

we're still growing."

Capjack thanked the planning committee for the event, who started their work in January, recognizing county Couns. Alphonse Corbiere and Tom Kuroki, town Coun. Mark Gormley, Friends of the Forts representatives Dennis Jasinsky and Donna Chamaberland, chamber of commerce representatives Sandy Smith and Vicki Brooker and friend of the brigade Bev Smith.

Andy Koros thanked the committee on behalf of the Brigade, and said the event was "a prime example of community spirit. The Brigade was so amazed at how we were received. It doesn't have to stop here. Heritage and culture connects us as Canadians. Tell your kids, it doesn't get any more Canadian than this."

Brigade chief Ted Bentley added his thanks to the community. "We were here in October (for the Fur Trade Rendezvous) with one

canoe. What you did last fall motivated the province to give us funding." He presented a Brigade flag to Mayor Tung, an education kit about the Brigade to Capjack, and sashes to both.

Elk Point Community Choir brought the voyageurs to their feet in a standing ovation with their Voyageur Song, with solos by director Udo Mueller, and followed up with three other numbers, "When I First Came to This Land," "This Land of Ours" and "I Love You, Canada."

The Dance Education students, under the direction of Dorie Deutschendorf, swayed and swirled gracefully in a special "River Dance," and were followed by a group from the Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club, with two lively numbers.

Capjack announced the winners of the colouring contest, which had filled the arena viewing windows with bright depictions of the Brigade.

With dad Homer playing the fiddle, Corbin Poitras showed off his skills in the traditional Métis sash dance and broom dance, and taught one of the voyageurs the steps of the Red River Jig before calling "All the voyageurs in blue" up to take part in some "Métis aerobics - the Chicken Reel."

Voyageur Steve Herrera then took over the microphone to tell the story of a young American cowboy who joined "Davy Thompson's crew. What a crew Davy Thompson run!" That crew, the story continued, discovered Howse Pass, and the young cowboy never did return to the cowboy life.

Jamboree entertainers then took over the stage, and fun continued into the wee hours, with a break for an excellent fireworks display.

Sunday morning, the planning committee was joined by a number of other volunteers to cook up a pancake breakfast for the voyageurs and the community, before the Brigade headed off to Fort George and Buckingham House and later continued on to Heinsburg, where they were treated to a wiener roast and entertainment. The voyageurs returned to their camp in Elk Point Sunday night, and were bused to Heinsburg early Monday to embark on the next leg of their journey.

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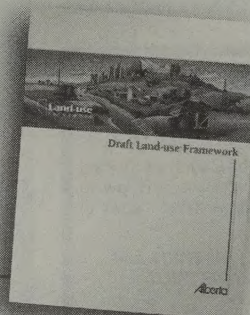
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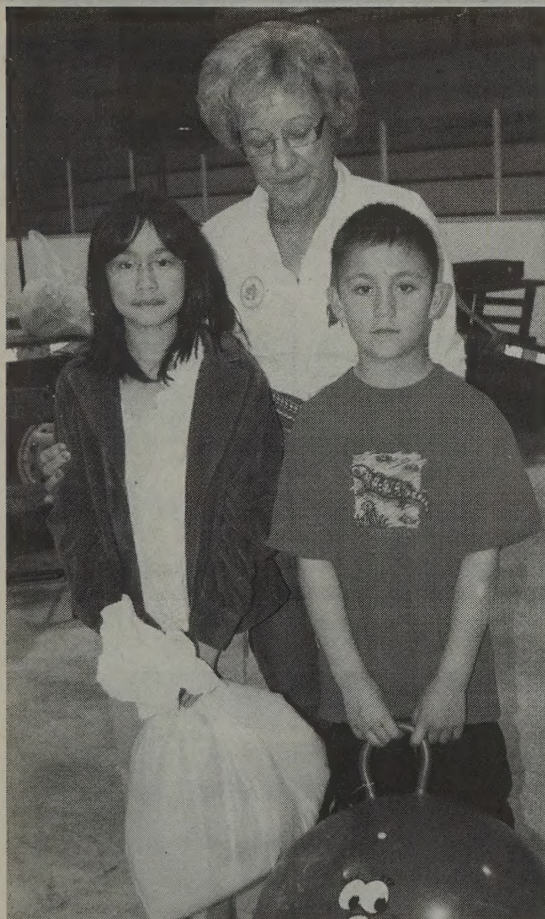


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Fur Trade Descendants

Descendants of two prominent fur trade-era explorers met when the Brigade visited Fort Saskatchewan and furthered their acquaintance in Elk Point. Lavern Thompson (left) is a sixth-generation descendant of David Thompson, while Peggy Fidler-Zaraska, shown with husband Ed Zaraska, is descended from Peter Fidler. Thompson is from Toronto, and said he "went from magnolias and appleblossoms to 30 cm of snow" when he came west to begin the journey. He learned about the Bicentennial Brigade through a paddling magazine "and just had to take part." His previous canoeing experience has been "nothing like the North Saskatchewan, and I've been learning to canoe and about history at the same time."



Vicki Brooker photos

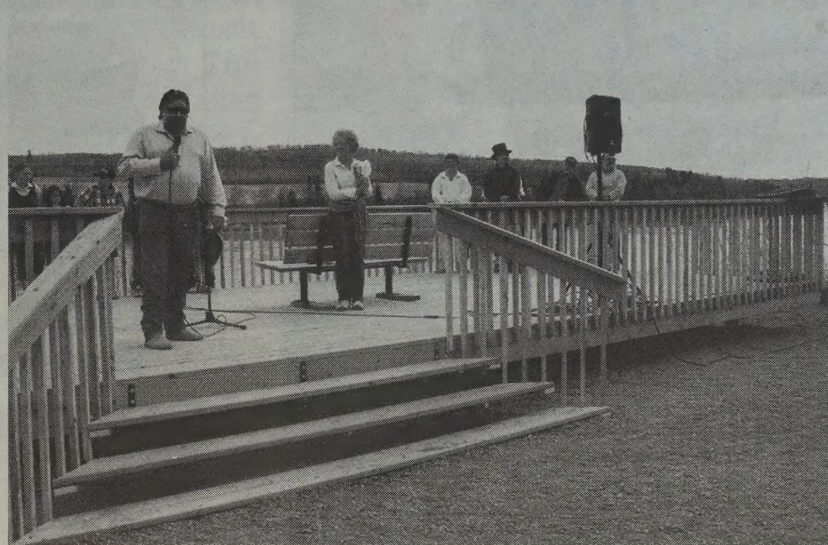
Colouring contest winners

Elk Point Elementary School Grade 5 student Kelly Sam and Grade 2 student Lyon Cueva were among six winners of the Voyageur Colouring Contest, and received their prizes from Brigade celebration chairman Bernice Capjack. Abby Baker, Grade 1, Vanessa Ockerman, Grade 3, Hannah Ludlage, Grade 4 and Megan Kinaschuk, Grade 6, were the other winners. Over 170 students entered the contest, and the voyageurs of the David Thompson Brigade were so appreciative that they asked to take the posters home for souvenirs of their visit here.



"Métis Aerobics" instructor

Corbin Poitras teaches the voyageurs a lively Chicken Reel that he called "Métis aerobics," during the May 17 celebration at the A. G. Ross Arena.



A new viewpoint

Minister of Municipal Affairs Ray Danyluk addressed the crowd at the welcoming ceremony from the newly constructed river viewing platform which was a joint project of the Town of Elk Point and the County of St. Paul.

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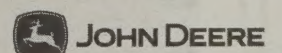
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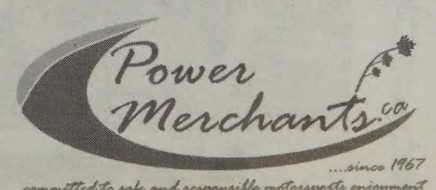
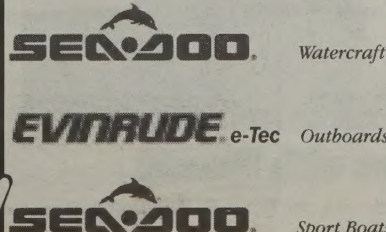
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Robyn Ockerman with Ronald



Fawn Ockerman with the Star's calf Benny



Achievement Day

May 30



Craft Project

Once again, it is time for our annual Achievement Day and Sale. 4-Hers from the Elk Point 4-H Multi Club has been diligently working to prepare their projects for their upcoming Achievement Day. The event is set to take place at the C. G. Baker Memorial Riding Arena, Elk Point on May 30 starting at 4 p.m.

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Town of Elk Point NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Re: Bylaw No. 664/07

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, as amended, the Council of the Town of Elk Point proposes to adopt Bylaw No. 664/07, as amendment to the Land Use Bylaw 622/03 for the Town to change: the designation of the South part of Lot A in Plan 5599KS from Highway Commercial (C2) to Central Commercial (C1).



Please **TAKE NOTICE** that on June 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers of the Town of Elk Point in the Town's Administration Office located at 4914-50 Avenue, a Public Hearing will be held to hear from anyone who feels they may be affected by the proposed amendment.

Anyone wishing to be heard either directly or on someone else's behalf may make oral representation at the Public Hearing. Written submissions are acceptable and must be delivered prior to the Public Hearing to the Administration Office address indicated above.

At the Public Hearing, the Mayor shall direct to hear representation first from the applicant, then from those property owners who claim to be directly affected by the proposed disposal, followed by any other person who wishes to make representation.

Myron Goyan, Manager
Town of Elk Point

Box 448, Elk Point, AB., T0A 1A0

Dated at Elk Point, AB., this 23rd day of May, 2008.

Adventure Challenge Saturday

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Thirty-five canoes will set off down the North Saskatchewan from the landing below Fort George and Buckingham House on Saturday morning at 11 a.m. on the first leg of the first-ever Riverland Adventure Challenge.

The short canoe run to Riverview is the first leg of the 30-km circuit. From there, participants will run up the Iron Horse Trail to Lindbergh, grab their bicycles from a brand-new rack and bike westward on the Trail and then south to their final destination at the Fords.

Challenge organizer Sheila Thompson says she has "lots of volunteers. The community has really gotten behind the event. Elk Point is really becoming canoe-friendly" with the completion of the viewing stand at the river-accessible campsite near Elk Point Bridge.

"If people would like to see the completion of the challenge, come to the Fords about 3 p.m.," she predicts.

Participants range from two to 70 years of age, and will be coming from as far away as Edmonton, Lac La Biche and Saskatchewan to take part in the Challenge.



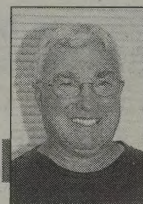
Headed for the last roundup

Elk Point and district residents made good use of the opportunity to bring in remnants of paint, household and garden chemicals and other hazardous materials when Elk Point Fire Department hosted the annual Hazardous Waste Roundup, sponsored by CNRL and other partners.

Some you win...

It's a funny game, this baseball. One day to the next, you never know what's going to happen. If you measured the season so far for the Sox in the month of May, you have four wins and four losses, the Sox are now playing .500 ball after dropping three games this past weekend at home. They did, however, win the first one on Saturday against Fort Saskatchewan 18 to 8 after six innings. Evan Joly with two singles, a triple and five RBIs, two singles and a double for his older brother Sean, Brett Romanovich with a lovely sac bunt, two RBI singles for "Sonny Boy" Benson, Dylan Loughran with a RBI single, and Jordan Croteau

with a single, a triple and two RBIs.



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And here's a little trivia for you. Playing for the Fort Saskatchewan team was the Sox old bat boy from back in the 1998 and '99 seasons, Jordan "Krank" Krankowsky, who will be playing with the Bonnyville Pontiacs this coming winter.

In the second game against Fort Saskatchewan on Saturday, the boys bat-

tled back and forth, up one inning, down the next, finally losing 14 to 12 in the end. Dylan Loughran, Dustin Berg and Evan Joly were all up on the mound for this one.

Sunday the weather was less than ideal when the Edmonton Warriors came to town, the Sox would bobble the ball many times in this double trouble header, losing both games. You could come up with all kinds of excuses, like it was raining, we only had nine players, we played yesterday, but the other team could use the same ones and at the end of the day we are still a .500 ball club for the May. You win some, you lose some but as long as you never stop learning, that's the bottom line.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week." Trying to sneak a pitch past Hank Aaron is like trying to sneak a sunrise past a rooster." Last week's answer to: "I don't care how long you've been around, you'll never see it all." - Bob Lemon.

Do you have any scoops? Please e-mail them to sportsound007@hotmail.com

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New attraction a big hit at Jan Frisby tournament

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Hitting a long drive out of the park under the glow of the ballpark lights is something usually associated with much larger communities, but it happened right here at Elk Point Recreation Park on Saturday evening in the first ever Home Run Competition to be added to the annual Jan Frisby Memorial Slowpitch Tournament.

Five women, hitting from second base, and close to 20 men, hitting from home plate, took on their choice of pitchers in the competition, before a crowd of more than 50 fans. Those who hit one of five pitches out of the park advanced to a second round, and tournament organizer Lyle Frisby, who says he was the first man eliminated from the competition, said it took four rounds to find a winner in the men's division. "There was still a three-way tie after the third round."

Ryan Ayres won the men's division, with Myles Quinney placing second, and both men donated back a portion of their winnings. Sasha Levasseur and Penny Quinney placed first and second respectively in the ladies' division.

S & R Rentals donated the use of the lights for the competition.

This was not the only change in format for the tournament, which is an annual event the Elk Point and District Lions Club runs to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society and Cross Cancer Institute.

This year, there was no prize payout, with all the \$100 per team entry fees going to the cause, along with other donations.

This was also the first time the tournament has had on-site entertainment, with the Dahlmer's Realm band providing great music on Saturday evening, including an hour-long drum solo during the Home Run competition.



Lyle Frisby congratulates A Event winners, the Xtreme team from St. Paul, who won over KAST. Ryan Ayres (back, second from left) was the winner of the first-ever Home Run competition, and donated back a portion of his prize money.



The Red Dogs won the B Event, in a hard-hitting game against the M & Ms.



The C Event win went to Balls Deep, who won over Lost Cause.

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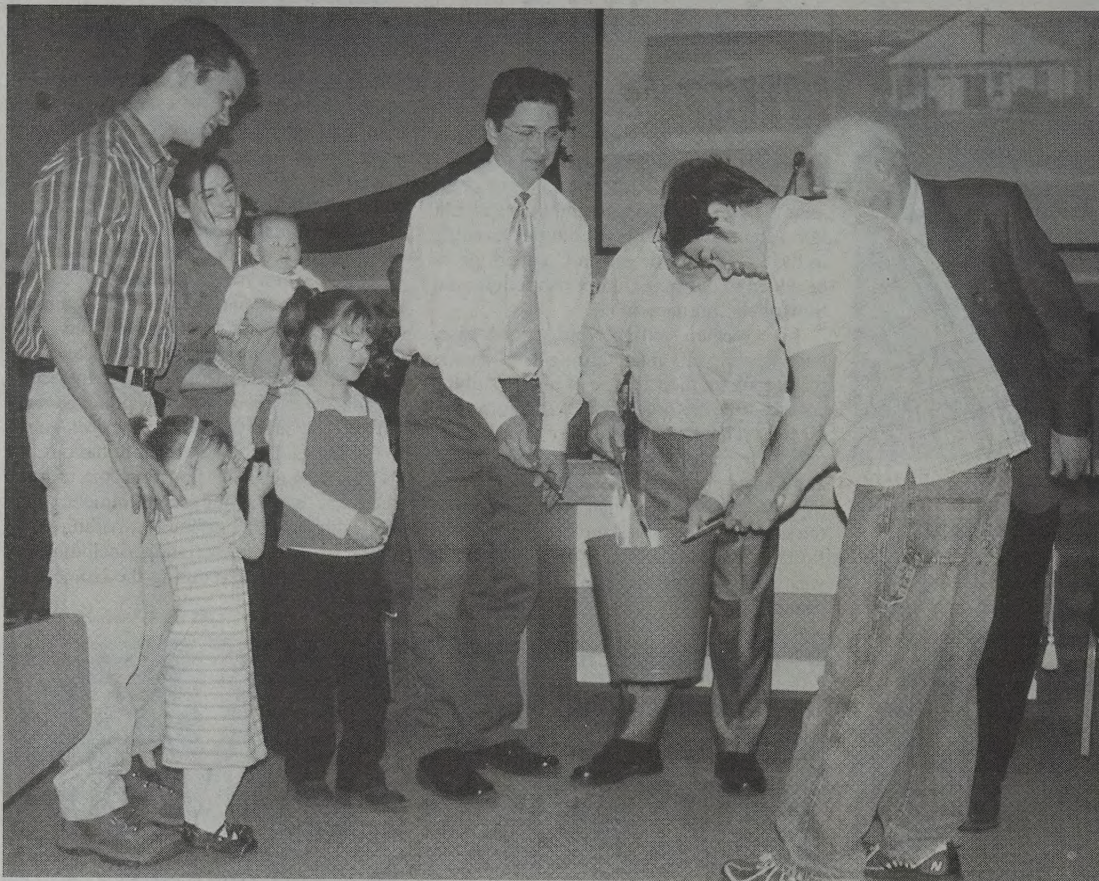
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May 25 fire at Elk Point Baptist Church



Burning the mortgage, from left to right: Ross and Joycel Marks, Lisa, Elisabeth, Sharmayne and Darren Pilisko, Pastor Jim, Lawrence Modin and Ian Jurak

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On Sunday May 25th, several people lit a fire at Elk Point Baptist Church. It was a joyous event as the fire consumed the mortgage contract that was paid in full the week preceding. It was a thrilling celebration of God's gracious provision.

As of May 18 the congregation still owed about \$21,000.00 on their new facility. A special offering was taken up hoping to eliminate much of the debt. Through the faithfulness of God's people, the congregation received \$38,500.00 to not only reduce the debt but pay it off in full - and then some.

Back in 1981 as Pastors Ted Clark and John McGregor prayed about starting a work in Elk Point, it was believed that the Lord gave John a verse that he could stand on as he commenced the plans to start a work here. The verse was from Revelation 3:8 "I

know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name."

Pastor Jim commented on that verse noting that on this day, the Church had the opportunity to again witness the awesome power of God, in the context of relatively small church. He then brought several representatives up to help burn the mortgage, each one representing key segments of the congregation. Lawrence Modin represented the seniors and those who started the church here in Elk Point. Ian Jurak represented the vibrant youth group. Darren, Lisa, Sharmayne and Elisabeth represented the many young families that form the core of the Church. Joycel Marks (accompanied by her father, Ross) represented all the babies that bless our Church family.

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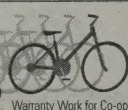
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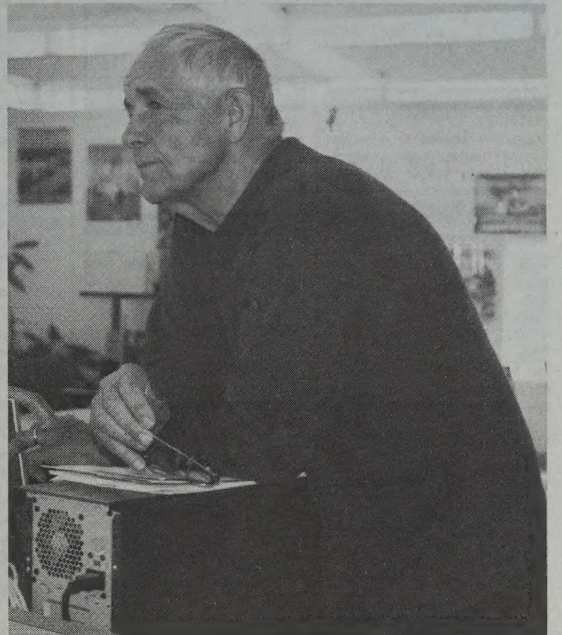
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OBITUARY

PASMORE, Helen

On May 11, 2008, Mrs. Helen Pasmore of Fort Saskatchewan, formerly of Lindbergh, AB., passed away at the age of 93 years.

She will be sadly missed by her loving family. Children Audry (Gordon) Claypool of Prince George, BC, Edith Young of Elk Point, AB., Charlotte (Paddy) Arnoldus of Sorrento, BC, Tom (Tia) Hodge of Sherwood Park, AB. and Keith Pasmore of Vancouver, BC. As well as a great many nieces and nephews, numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

As cremation has already taken place, there will be a Memorial Service at 2:00 p.m. on May 31 at the Mooswa Cemetery in Lindbergh with a lunch to follow at Edith Young's residence.



OBITUARY

KUMMETZ, Teresa Kathleen

On May 15, 2008, Mrs. Teresa Kummetz of Lindbergh passed away at the age of 66 years.

She is survived by her loving husband, Bruno; 2 daughters, Debbie (Leigh) Babcock of Elk Point & Patsy (Dwayne) Swan of Kitscoty; 5 grandchildren, Diane, Candace, & Amber Babcock, also, Dale & Amanda Swan; 1 great-grandson, Marshall Tutkaluk; 3 sisters, Betty (Jim) Brown, Barbara (Ed) Koppang & Edna (Bill) Zapesocki, all of Lindbergh. She was predeceased by her parents, Rose & Charlie Martin.

A Funeral Service was held Tuesday, May 20 at 2:00 p.m. at the Elk Point Seniors Centre. Reverend Sam Donaldson officiated with interment in the Ferguson Flats Cemetery, Lindbergh. If desired donations may be made to the Ferguson Flats Community Cemetery Fund c/o Box 425, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0.

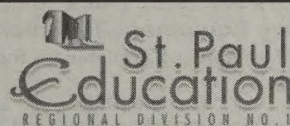
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Elk Point's Class of '58, plus 50 years

Elk Point High School's Graduating Class of 1958 was reunited on Saturday, May 17, 50 years to the day after their graduation ceremonies. Enjoying a banquet and social at the Elk Point Seniors' Recreation Centre were, front, left to right, Audrey (Palinka) Faucher of St. Paul, Myrna (Valentine) Fedorus, Elk Point, Lois (Scraba) Sheplaw, Elk Point, Dorothy (Pinder) O'Connor, Edmonton, Myrna (McFadyen) Fox, Elk Point; back row, left to right are Clarence Capjack, Edmonton, Marshall Boratyne, Sherwood Park, and Gordon Scott, Kelowna, BC. In the background is a painting by their late classmate Ralph Kryvenchuk. Another member of their class, Lillian (Prusak) Groeneveld, has also passed away, and the other four surviving members, Susan (Sheplaw) Kosanovich of Rimbey, Margery (Pilisko) Boleychuk of Calgary, David Eskdale of Regina, SK and Delmer Kryvenchuk of Edmonton, were unable to attend the reunion. Their only surviv-



ing teacher, Orest Kotyshyn, had hoped to attend but had his plans changed at the last minute by surprise visitors. Planning for the reunion was spearheaded by Myrna Fox, who also organized the reunion for this class and the 1958 Grade 11 and 10 classes in 1984.



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On Friday, May 23, 2008, St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1 held their 1st Annual Traditional School Pow Wow. This was held at the Saddle Lake Cree Nation Pow Wow grounds.

St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1 and the FNMI Committee would like to extend a sincere thank you to Saddle Lake Chief Makokis and Council members, Saddle Lake Pow Wow Committee, Elders, and the Saddle Lake community for allowing us to host this event in their community.

Special thanks to Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry for their contributions to the Pow Wow. Thank you to Saddle Lake Boys and Girls Club, Rocky Wade, Fabian Large, Clarence Ward, Cache Lake and McGilvery Drums groups for their participation.

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Thompson Brigade takes Fur Factor Challenge

By LANA C DRIEDGER

Fort George and Buckingham House Historic Site

It is the beginning of another busy season at Fort George Buckingham House Provincial Historic Site. Although the site has been open just over a week, there has already been a lot of action at the forts.

On Sunday, May 18th the David Thompson Brigade stopped in at the site to

take part in the annual Fur Factor Challenge.

Ten teams battled it out in York boat races, log sawing, travois races, and a new event called "The Well" while other brigade members looked on. The winning teams received Fort George Buckingham House patches before continuing on their trip down the North Saskatchewan.

Four family teams participated in the

events later in the afternoon. The Family Fur Factor Challenge Champions were Chad, Andrew, and David Wilson from Vermilion. They were awarded their clothing in the form of t-shirts, their food in the form of a bison roast that was donated by Lakeland Packers, and their wages in the form of a five pound gift certificate to the site gift shop.

The weather for the event was great, and

the games were great fun for participants and spectators alike.

The next event at the forts is Saturday, May 31, when the Riverland Challenge is finishing the triathlon at the fort site. Come and cheer on friends and family as they take part in this race that includes canoeing, running, and bicycling. Until then, remember that the forts are open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



"The Well" is a new event this year and celebrates the well that was shared by the crews at both forts. The battle in this water bucket relay was a close and entertaining one.

Vicki Brooker photos



The Travois Race gave the voyageurs a taste of one of the most rigorous tasks that their long-ago counterparts faced, as teammates and spectators cheered them on.



Ross Stromberg presented awards to the Cumberland House, Fort Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Centennial Voyageurs for their wins.



The voyageurs found paddling is not the hardest way to get a boat to its destination, as they huffed and puffed in the York Boat race.



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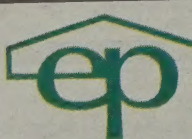
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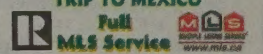


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